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The Maine State Legislature passed a law that requires the licensing of entities who accept pari-mutuel wagers, on horse races, from residents of the State of Maine. It has come to our attention that your entity, and/or your affiliates, may be accepting pari-mutuel wagers. Therefore, we wish to inform you of the legal requirements and consequences of these activities within the State of Maine.

Specifically, our law requires a license for those who conduct advance deposit wagering. "Advance deposit wagering" means a form of pari-mutuel wagering on harness or thoroughbred races in which wagers are made by telephone, via electronic device or in person and the bettor deposits funds in a wagering account administered by an advance deposit wagering licensee from which the advance deposit wagering licensee makes wagers on behalf of the bettor and to which the advance deposit wagering licensee deposits money from winning wagers awarded to the bettor.

A person that facilitates an advance deposit wagering account on behalf of a resident of this State or accepts wagers on horse races from a resident of this State without a license is guilty of unlawful gambling under Title 17-A, chapter 39. The law requires that we inform any person that facilitates advance deposit wagering without a license to immediately cease the activity and notify the person that they may be subject to prosecution for unlawful gambling.

If you require additional information, please give me a call at 207-626-3900. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Milton Champion
Executive Director